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BYS Minutes 11/07/2007

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm.

Present: Lynn Horgan, Mary Deyst, Elaine Shea, Dorothy Williams, Gene Lucarelli, Dave McKenna, Elizabeth Oppedisano, Donna Dolan, Carlene Newell, Leon Cantor, Joan Robbio.

Elaine Shea chairing.

Vote to accept the minutes from October 10, 2007. 8 in favor, 1 abstention

Invite to board from Elaine Shea to attend memorial for Peg Spengler at Town Hall, 11/20/07 at 8:00 pm.

Correspondence: Request for donation to the annual MLK observance. Motion to approve \$50.00 by Dorothy Williams, 2nd by Gene Lucarelli. Passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Parent Education Forums – Carlene reporting – 11/8/07: “It’s A Boys Life” at Dallin School

CAP – Lynn reporting – Preparation to report to School Committee.

Concerns:

- Volunteer force has been “retired” for 2 years.
- Leon had conversation with member of school cabinet. No sense of urgency or real negativity among administrators. Issue of “competition” for time with so many demands placed on schools.
- Lynn continues to research the overall picture. What is now being provided; what is missing. If CAP as a whole is not coming back, can important part missing be promoted.
- Board discussion whether to make appointment with Mr. Levenson and Ms Sheffler; and/or School Committee presentation.

First Step – Mary reporting - 2 new members and 1 new interview.

AYCC – Leon reporting – Programs going well. New psychologist, Doug Katz, hired. Preparation beginning for budget. Staff trying to balance focus between schools and agency work; moving to enhance professional development. New interns: 7 at AYCC, 16 in elementary schools.

SADD – Elizabeth reporting – Alateen, one of the oldest and most successful Alateen programs with an average of 10-12 attending. Age level has been dropped to 11 years old.

SADD – 51 volunteers, which is decrease. Concern about fee for student activities at AHS. Considering 3 programs: Buckle-up; Compliance check at liquor stores; Tap Your Shoulder to address adults buying for kids.

Agenda item to discuss Mission Statement. Motion by Gene to table for next meeting. 2nd – Dorothy. Unanimously passed.

Motion to adjourn by Dorothy, 2nd by Gene. Vote unanimous.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 9, 2008.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Dolan